IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: Unassigned	
Yoshihiro ISHIDA)		
Appln. No.: New Application	: G)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM) Ju	ıly 11, 2003	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9, 10 and 11 as follows. A marked up copy of Claims 9, 10 and 11, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

9. (Amended) A computer-system executable program which allows a computer system for executing the program to operate as the image processing apparatus according to Claim 1 or 2.